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LB 873

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Cudaback, are there major changes in the National Electrical Code from the one that's currently adopted?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Those aren't any major, major changes, no, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Would you tell me some of the major minor changes then, Senator?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Well, I guess one of the major ones that I think is for everybody that I picked up on was the fact that the ground faults, you might say, for the bedrooms.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. I thought...thank you, Senator. I thought the members of...I'm not going to oppose this...this thing and the National Electric Code...Electrical Code is, in fact, well-thought-out, but many people in the state of Nebraska are going to be surprised the next time they have the electrician come out to look at their wiring, particularly in the bedroom. Because a major change is that you have to have one...what...it's not a ground fault interrupter and I keep forgetting what it is, but it's a circuit breaker that detects voltage raises or heat in your circuits or your extension cords, and the requirement is that particularly in bedrooms and bedroom area that in new construction and in remodeling that those have to be protected with this new device which has a cost, I think, of about \$28. So I don't object to that but I wanted to make sure that the body did...was aware of that, because what they're doing in new construction, instead of having separate circuits for bedroom plug-ins, they're running two or three or four bedrooms together to avoid the extra...extraordinarily high cost of those devices compared to a regular circuit breaker or, for that matter, a ground fault interrupter. But with that in the record then I do support the advancement of LB 873.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Seeing none, Senator Erdman, you're recognized for a motion to advance.

SENATOR ERDMAN: We have a motion already. Would you like